

EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

OATH CEREMONY ON OCTOBER 12,
2018

HON. PETER J. VISCLOSKY

OF INDIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, October 12, 2018

Mr. VISCLOSKY. Mr. Speaker, it is with great pleasure and sincerity that I take this time to congratulate thirty-one individuals who will take their oaths of citizenship on October 12, 2018. This memorable occasion will be held at the United States Courthouse and Federal Building in Hammond, Indiana.

America is a country founded by immigrants. From its beginning, settlers have come from countries around the world to the United States in search of better lives for their families. Oath ceremonies are a shining example of what is so great about the United States of America—that people from all over the world can come together and unite as members of a free, democratic nation. These individuals realize that nowhere else in the world offers a better opportunity for success than here in America.

On October 12, 2018, the following people, representing many nations throughout the world, will take their oaths of citizenship in Hammond, Indiana: Wafa M. Shahin, Maher S. Isleem, Noor M. Isleem, Daniela Ivette Ponce, David Seo, Marianne Bushra Abdelmalak, Joana Maritza Grose, Monica Ying Williams, Atanacio Serrano, Charity Gross, Beatriz Cervantes, Esther Maria Arellano, Cedrick Dizala Mukinay, Wassim Shwaiki, Maria Flores De Leon, Evelin Yamilet Sanchez, Liza Safwat Assad, Miguel Angel Lima, Carmen Marquez, Thelma Alvarez Portney, Vic Dey, Audrey Harriette Gilbertsen, Manar Haddad, Alberto Lopez, Shirley Oduro-Nkansah, Hadja Fatimah Ouattara, Susana Rodriguez Perez, Kim Hoang Pham, Maria Guadalupe Rodriguez, Ramon Sandoval Jr., and Adriana Figueroa Trejo.

Although each individual has sought to become a citizen of the United States for his or her own reasons, be it for education, occupation, or to offer their loved ones better lives, each is inspired by the fact that the United States of America is, as Abraham Lincoln described it, a country “ . . . of the people, by the people, and for the people.” They realize that the United States is truly a free nation. By seeking American citizenship, they have made the decision that they want to live in a place where, as guaranteed by the First Amendment of the Constitution, they can practice religion as they choose, speak their minds without fear of punishment, and assemble in peaceful protest should they choose to do so.

Mr. Speaker, I respectfully ask you and my other distinguished colleagues to join me in congratulating these individuals who will become citizens of the United States of America on October 12, 2018. They, too, are American citizens, guaranteed the inalienable rights to life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness. We, as a free and democratic nation, congratulate them and welcome them.

IN HONOR OF NATHAN PRATT
JENNINGS'S HEROIC ACTIONS

HON. ADAM KINZINGER

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, October 12, 2018

Mr. KINZINGER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor and recognize Nathan Pratt Jennings, a Corporal in the Illinois Army National Guard and my constituent from Machesney Park, for his heroic actions in saving the life of his fellow citizen.

On August 3, 2018, Mr. Jennings was driving home from work along Interstate 90 when out of the corner of his eye, he saw a big splash in a retention pond by the side of the road. Being an avid duck hunter, he knew that something was wrong. He pulled his car over and ran to the pond where he saw an upended vehicle, rapidly sinking into the water.

Mr. Jennings' military training kicked in and he acted decisively, taking off his suit and jumping into the muddy water. After his first attempt to find the driver failed, he asked another individual to hold his feet while he dove into the submerged vehicle. After what felt like an eternity, he managed to find the driver and pulled her limp body from the car.

As Mr. Jennings brought her to shore, he was certain she had drowned. Luckily, a group of Good Samaritans were waiting and ready to administer CPR until the paramedics arrived. While the others worked to save the life of the female driver, Mr. Jennings went back into the water to ensure that no one was left behind.

Mr. Speaker, had it not been for Mr. Jennings' quick actions, August 3rd could have ended tragically. I am glad to say that the driver of that car is alive and well thanks to Mr. Jennings and the other Good Samaritans who helped in her rescue. On behalf of Illinois' 16th Congressional District, I ask my colleagues to join me in thanking Mr. Nathan Pratt Jennings for his heroic actions in saving the life of his fellow Illinoisan.

CONGRATULATING BOLTON VOL-
UNTEER FIRE COMPANY ON ITS
100TH ANNIVERSARY

HON. ELISE M. STEFANIK

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, October 12, 2018

Ms. STEFANIK. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor and recognize the Bolton Volunteer Fire Company on its 100th Anniversary.

Since its incorporation in 1918, the Bolton Volunteer Fire Company has upheld its mission to provide fire protection and rescue services to the residents of Bolton, New York. Over the last 100 years, the fire company has made many improvements to its alerting methods, truck models, and training systems to respond to the community's evolving safety needs. Today, the company proactively en-

gages the community through a variety of services, including a program to educate elementary school students on fire safety and smoke detector advocacy campaigns.

On behalf of New York's 21st District, I want to congratulate the Bolton Volunteer Fire Company on its 100 years of exceptional volunteer service and thank the firefighters for their dedicated commitment to keeping the Bolton community safe.

HONORING GRANT HITCHCOCK

HON. SAM GRAVES

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, October 12, 2018

Mr. GRAVES. Mr. Speaker, I proudly pause to recognize Grant Hitchcock. Grant is a very special young man who has exemplified the finest qualities of citizenship and leadership by taking an active part in the Boy Scouts of America, Troop 1042, and earning the most prestigious award of Eagle Scout.

Grant has been very active with his troop, participating in many scout activities. Over the many years Grant has been involved with scouting, he has not only earned numerous merit badges, but also the respect of his family, peers, and community. Most notably, Grant has become a member of the tribe Mic-O-Say. Grant has also contributed to his community through his Eagle Scout project. Grant refurbished a large, multi-level deck and stairs at the Hope House in Lee's Summit, Missouri.

Mr. Speaker, I proudly ask you to join me in commending Grant Hitchcock for his accomplishments with the Boy Scouts of America and for his efforts put forth in achieving the highest distinction of Eagle Scout.

IN MEMORY OF ALEX SPANOS

HON. DARRELL E. ISSA

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, October 12, 2018

Mr. ISSA. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the life of Alexander Gus Spanos, who passed away at the age of 95 this week.

A native Californian, Alex was well known for his skillful business acumen and his generous philanthropy. He is perhaps best known for founding one of the largest apartment developers in the United States, A.G. Spanos Companies, as well as serving as the owner of the Chargers NFL Franchise.

Born the son of Greek immigrants in Stockton, California in 1923, Alex's tireless work ethic and boldness was instilled in him at a very young age, when he began working in his father's bakery at the age of eight. A tough upbringing coupled with the unshakeable belief that he could accomplish anything he set his mind to continuously drove Alex to succeed and overcome countless obstacles.

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